

## GRAND JURY FINDS 14 INDICTMENTS

Rape Cases Play a Leading Part in the Work of This August Body

### REPORT ON COUNTY HOSPITAL

Shows a Strange Condition of Affairs, According to Report of Committee

The grand jury, which was in session the first time in two years, completed its work Wednesday, about 5:30 o'clock and made its report to Judge McAlister.

The report of the grand jury is as follows:

SAFFORD, ARIZONA, September 22, 1915.  
To the Honorable A. G. McAlister, Judge of the Superior Court of Graham County, State of Arizona: We, the grand jury, empaneled and instructed by Your Honor on the 20th day of September, 1915, respectfully submit the following report of our work and investigations:

We have investigated the following cases and have made the following dispositions of them:

One case for assisting an escape from the county jail, in which we fail to indict.

Three cases of rape, in which we returned ten indictments.

Two cases of illegal sales of intoxicating liquor, in which we failed to indict.

Two cases of public nuisance by keeping houses of ill fame, in which we returned two indictments.

One case of grand larceny, in which we found an indictment.

One case of maliciously wounding a cow, in which we indicted.

One case of maliciously wounding a mare. The case was ignored.

The reports of the different committees appointed to examine the different county offices were included in the grand jury's report. The committees reported the county offices to be in good condition and conducted on business-like methods, with the exception of the committee appointed to investigate the conditions at the county hospital.

This committee made the following report:

We, your undersigned committee, appointed to examine and report as to the condition of the County Hospital of Graham County, respectfully report that we visited and examined said hospital as completely and minutely as possible, consulting the patients therein also, and we advised and emphatically declare to you that the condition of that hospital is indescribably, intolerably and incredibly bad. It is, in our opinion and belief, a menace to the health of this community, a shame and burning disgrace to this whole county, if not to the State of Arizona. The following are a few of the facts on which we base the foregoing conclusion and opinion:

On entering the residence building, about ten rods back from the road, we encountered an odor so bad as to be unbearable to us. We, however, entered this house and found therein two quite old men on single beds. Their condition was pitiable and sickening. The clothing on them consisted of dirty rags; the bedding was worn and dirty; they both said the bed bugs constantly gnawed on them. Both men are bedridden, wholly unable to get out of bed alone. Both men also said they were not getting enough to eat. The woman in attendance on these men said they got sufficient food, but she stated that neither Dr. Platt or Stratton, or any other doctor, had been there in the last two weeks, though an inmate had died there the previous night.

We, the Grand Jury, recommend to the board of supervisors, the board of health and the whole county government of Graham county to take immediate steps to radically change all said bad conditions and, as far as possible, to right all these wrongs.

#### To the Public

"I feel that I owe the manufacturers of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy a word of gratitude," writes Mrs. T. N. Witherall, Gowanda, N. Y. "When I began taking this medicine I was in great pain and feeling terribly sick, due to an attack of summer complaint. After taking a dose of it I had not long to wait for relief as it benefited me almost immediately." For sale by Safford Drug Co.

Good Roads for Graham County.

## AFFIDAVITS DENY

That Conditions at County Hospital Are as Reported by Grand Jury

In view of the report of the committee appointed by the grand jury to investigate conditions at the county hospital, which report contains things that are not true, especially about the treatment and care of patients confined therein, we respectfully submit the following affidavits, as showing that conditions have been misrepresented, and in further proof that the hospital is conducted in as good a manner as is possible with the equipment and conveniences furnished by the county, we invite the inspection of the county hospital by the board of supervisors, the county board of health and the people of Graham county.

DR. W. E. PLATT,  
DR. J. N. STRATTON.

The following affidavits and also respectfully submitted:

### Affidavit

STATE OF ARIZONA, ss.:  
COUNTY OF GRAHAM, ss.:

Mrs. C. W. Smithson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says, that she is the nurse in charge of the Graham County Hospital, at Safford, Arizona, and that she is the nurse interviewed by the grand jury committee, and that she has read the report made by the said grand jury, and makes the following denial: I did not say or intimate that Dr. Platt or Dr. Stratton, or any other doctor, had not been in the hospital for two weeks; I did say that Dr. Stratton attended a Mexican from the 16th day of September, 1915, to the 20th day of September, 1915, at which time the Mexican's brother came and took the patient away under protest, and later, some time between midnight and morning, returned him to the ward, where I found him dead in the morning. I reported the death immediately to Dr. Stratton, and he had the remains taken care of and buried.

On September 18th, 1915, the old men referred to by the grand jury, had a bath, clean clothes, clean washed bedding. The floor was well scrubbed and lime.

The men referred to above very often attend to nature's calls in the bed, and very frequently the room has a very bad odor which cannot be avoided. A man bedridden, and 86 years old, is not responsible for what he says.

(Signed) MRS. C. W. SMITHSON.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, 1915.

WM. V. THORPE,  
Notary Public.

My commission expires March 2, 1916.

### Affidavit

STATE OF ARIZONA, ss.:  
COUNTY OF GRAHAM, ss.:

J. A. Hancock, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he has been at the county hospital of Graham County, located at Safford, Arizona, several times in the past two weeks, and that he has eaten five or six meals in the dining room of the County Hospital, which is adjoining the room in which the county patients are kept, the patients are the old men referred to by the Grand Jury committee. He further states that there was no odor in the dining room or kitchen, and that the food was of a good quality and clean, and plenty of it.

(Signed) J. A. HANCOCK.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of September, 1915.

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## New Building Near Completion

The new building being constructed on the south side of Tenth street by Paul Brown is rapidly nearing completion.

The store room on the west will be occupied by the Nonpareil Restaurant, Thorpe Bros. proprietors, who expect to move in and be ready for business by tomorrow (Saturday).

The other store will be occupied by Henry Houck & Son's grocery store.

The new building is a fine improvement to this block.

### Look for the Sign

Everything in the Horse Goods Line. Repairing and oiling harness. Repairing saddles, auto tops and seats. All work guaranteed. New Harness Shop, corner Tenth and M streets, OTTO LESTER, Proprietor. Adv-31-1f

FOR SALE—Household goods. Apply to J. B. SPIEGEL, at Empire Ranch, Safford. adv-32-2t

## WEDDINGS

Miss Anita Parra and George Madrid were married Thursday morning, September 16, 1915, the ceremony taking place in the Catholic church at Solomonville, Rev. Father Raída officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. Madrid will make their home here, where Mr. Madrid is engaged in business.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Nuttall, Pima, Thursday evening, September 16, 1915, at 7:00 o'clock, when their daughter, Miss Maud, became the bride of Walter Haws. Bishop P. C. Merrill performed the ceremony. Those present were the immediate relatives of the bride and groom.

After the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room where a delightful wedding supper was served.

The happy young couple received many valuable presents. They will go to Salt Lake City, Utah, in October to attend the conference.

Miss Dora Pulsipher, of Thatcher, was married to Wallace Cluff, at Pima, Thursday evening, September 16, 1915.

Miss Annie Laura Kempton, of Eden, was married Friday afternoon, September 17, 1915, to John L. Ballard, of Ft. Thomas.

The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace U. I. Paxton, at his office. The witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. John Matthews, of Redland.

Miss Lillian Wilson was married to Frank Burns, of Rochester, N. Y., Tuesday evening, September 21, 1915, at the residence of Justice of the Peace U. I. Paxton, the judge officiating.

Mrs. Burns is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilson. Mr. Burns is engaged in business here as a member of the Gila Valley Tank Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Burns will make their home here.

## Woman's Club Holds Reception

On account of the severe storm Friday evening, September 17th, the reception of the Woman's Club to the parents and teachers, was postponed until Saturday evening, September 18th, and was a decided success.

During the evening about one hundred people attended and enjoyed the informal spirit of sociability.

The Misses Alberta Colton, Katie Foster, Belva Birdno and Vesta Knox served punch and wafers from a corner of the hall, which was beautifully decorated in the Club's colors, green and white.

A most interesting musical program was rendered as follows:

Piano Solo.....Miss A. Foster  
Vocal Solo.....Mrs. J. C. Ellsworth  
Accompanied by:  
Violin.....Mrs. A. C. Worden  
Piano.....Mrs. G. S. Martin  
Piano Solo.....Mrs. G. S. Martin  
Violin Solo.....Prof. Harmon  
Piano Solo.....Miss G. Spalding

### Horse For Sale

Good 1,200-pound horse, broke to work; coming 4 years old. Apply S. T. BRANHAM'S CASH STORE. Adv-31-2t

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Fisher returned home Tuesday evening from Kansas City, Mo. They left here several weeks ago to attend the funeral of Mr. Fisher's sister, Mrs. Clyde C. Cogswell, who died at her home in Hunter, Okla. After the funeral they visited relatives and friends in Kansas City, Mo.

Clifford Stewart, who has spent the past two years as a missionary in New Zealand, arrived home Friday. Mr. Stewart stopped over in San Francisco to visit the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Flake and twin daughters and Mr. Flake's mother arrived here last week from Snowflake, Arizona, to visit with Mrs. Flake's father, Robert Morris.

Miss Daisy McCollum, who has been very ill from fever the past three weeks at her home east of town, is reported convalescing.

Miss Rose Graham left last week for Tempe, where she will attend the Normal as a student this year.

## Health and Happiness Depend Upon Your Liver

That sluggish liver with its sluggish flow of bile is what makes the world look so dark at times. Dr. King's New Life Pills go straight to the root of the difficulty by waking up the action of the liver and increasing the bile. Dr. King's New Life Pills cause the bowels to act more freely and drive away those "moody days." 25c a bottle. adv-nol

## THE SUPERIOR COURT

Convenes for the Fall Term Monday and Has a Busy Week

This week has been a busy one for the Superior Court. A number of cases were heard and the grand jury being in session brought in fourteen indictments, nine for rape and one for assault with intent to commit rape, two for public nuisances, one for grand larceny and one for maliciously wounding a cow.

In the case of John Carnes, indicted for the crime of rape, which came before the court Tuesday, it having appeared that he had secured a marriage license and married the prosecuting witness, Miss Ida W. Lively, agreeable to her desires, and the court deeming it for the best good of the defendant and all concerned, Carnes was discharged from custody.

Jesus Gonzalez, charged with assault with a deadly weapon on Ether Ferrin, pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for next Monday, September 27th.

Andres Perez, having pleaded guilty to the charge against him of having raised a check and getting it cashed, the court ordered that Tuesday, September 28th, be the date for passing sentence upon Perez.

Alberto Sanchez, charged with check raising, pleaded not guilty and his trial was set for next Monday, September 28th.

At Wednesday's session the case of Willie Palomares, charged with failure to support his wife, was set for trial Tuesday, September 28th.

The cases of Willie Britton and Ed Stewart, charged with attempt to burn the residence of Frank W. Andrews in Artesia, were set for trial today.

W. S. Crum was arraigned on six indictments for rape. Crum pleaded not guilty. His trial was set for Tuesday, September 28th.

Lafayette Lee was charged with attempt to commit rape on the person of Josephine McDonald. The case was referred to the juvenile court, on account of Lee being under 18 years of age.

The grand jury brought in its report after 5:00 o'clock, Wednesday, which was received by the Court and ordered placed on file.

Judge McAlister thanked the members of the grand jury and dismissed them.

## Will Wrestle at Miami Sept. 30

Foxy Miller, of Silver City, N. M., is in Miami, says the Silver Belt, making arrangements for a boxing match with George Bothner, of Clifton, Arizona. The bout will be pulled off at Dreamland, Thursday evening, September 30th, under the auspices of the Miami Baseball Club. There will be two preliminary matches, one between "Kid" O'Connell and Herman Clark, of Miami, and one between two local heavyweights.

All the bouts will be to a finish, two out of three falls.

Miller and Bothner wrestled at Safford, Saturday night, September 11th, in a hall that had already been engaged for a dance later in the evening. After wrestling for nearly two hours for the third fall, the referee called the bout a draw on account of the dance.

## BIRTHS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Day, at their home in Thatcher, Friday, September 10, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Taylor, at their home in Pima, Saturday, September 11th, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Moody, at their home in Thatcher, Sunday, September 12, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffin, Sunday, September 12, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cluff, at their home in Thatcher, Monday, September 13, 1915, a boy.

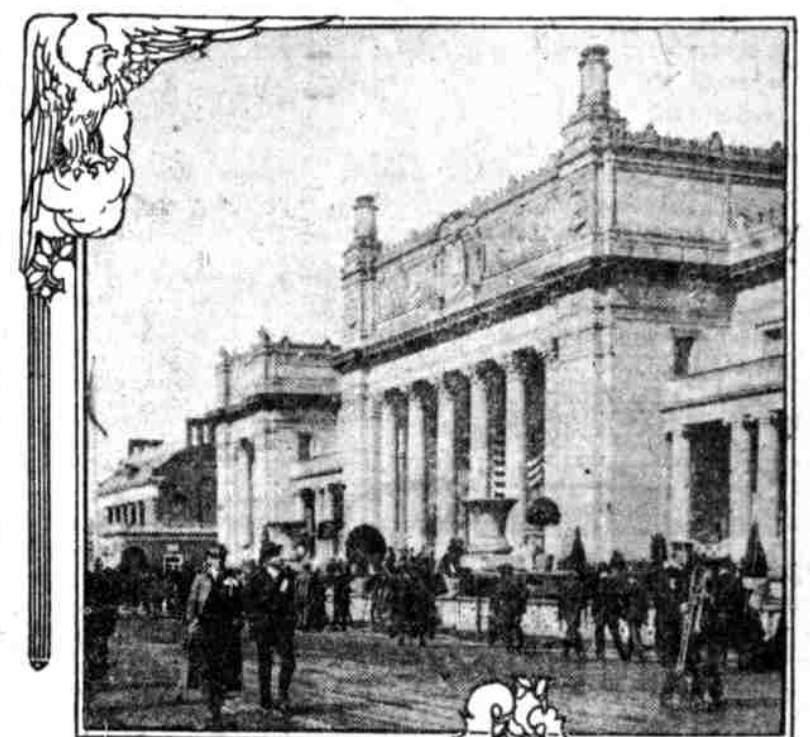
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Jacobson, at their home on I street, Tuesday evening, September 14, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter W. Williams, Saturday, September 18, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kerby, at their home in Pima, Sunday, September 19, 1915, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Layton, Jr., at their home on Thatcher Boulevard, Wednesday, September 22, 1915, a girl.

## The Avenue of Commonwealths at the Wonderful Panama-Pacific Exposition



On the Avenue of Commonwealths at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Crowds passing before the beautiful New York State building, which is one of the finest of the state buildings at the huge Exposition in San Francisco.

## The Worst Storm of the Season

The storm Friday evening was one of the severest ever experienced in the valley. The dense clouds brought the night half an hour earlier than usual. The thunder roared and the lightning flashed for about an hour before the rain came, but from about 7:00 to 7:30, it came in torrents.

Thatcher seemed to have got the worst of the storm. It beat in at the door casings and transoms of the most secure houses. With thunder, lightning, wind, hail and rain the storm raged wildly for a time, and it was several hours afterward before the elements grew quiet.

About 10:00 o'clock a flood from the mountain broke over the town. It came like a great torrent down First West street, entering many of the homes a foot or two deep, making the occupants flee to their more fortunate neighbors for safety.

Forty pigs were drowned on the Mountain Dell ranch south of town. Both the Union and Montezuma canals were badly damaged.

About 10:30 the entire town was under water, but the flood began to subside after about thirty minutes.

## 520 Tons of Hay Goes Up in Smoke

During the storm Friday evening lightning struck several stacks of hay on William Gillespie's ranch, near Solomonville, setting the hay on fire.

There were 520 tons of baled hay in the stacks, which were piled close together, and though strenuous efforts were made by Mr. Gillespie and his neighbors to put out the fire, they were unsuccessful and the stacks were entirely consumed, making a total loss of about \$5,000. No insurance.

## BIG SIX WILL BUILD

The Thatcher Implement and Mercantile Company are preparing to build a fine new cement block building on the west of their grocery and hardware store. The dry goods department will be removed here and an up-to-date lumber yard will be opened up in the present dry goods building.

Mrs. Frank Lester, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Lois, and two sons, Stanley and Noel, arrived here Saturday from Big Springs, Texas, to visit with Mrs. Lester's son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Lester.

From this date, until further notice, I will be in my office on K street, Safford. DR. C. W. STONE, Adv-31-1f Optician.

Miss Martha Kentfield, of Morrison, Ill., arrived here Friday, stopping over on her way home from San Francisco, where she visited the exposition, to spend several weeks with her aunt, Mrs. A. T. Colton.

## Every Home Needs a Faithful Cough and Cold Remedy

When seasons change and colds appear—when you first detect a cold after sitting next to one who has sneezed, then it is that a tried and tested remedy should be faithfully used. "I never wrote a testimonial before, but, I know positively that for myself and family, Dr. King's New Discovery is the best cough remedy we ever used and we have tried them all." 50c. and \$1.00. adv-nol

## MONEY IS READY FOR THE HIGHWAY

State Auditor Callaghan Says He Will Issue Warrant for First Payment

### WORK WILL PROCEED AT ONCE

Highway Between Carlos and Gila River Bridges Will Cost \$20,000

Money is available at last for the construction of the much needed highway between the San Carlos and Gila river bridges on the San Carlos Indian Reservation. This was the cheering news that was sent to Globe Friday by State Auditor Callaghan, who said that he would draw the first warrant for \$5,000 Saturday and forward the money at once to Lieut. Ernest Stecker, superintendent of the reservation. The lieutenant is to build the road with \$20,000 that was appropriated for the purpose by the last Arizona legislature.

Various delays and annoying circumstances have blocked the construction of this highway and it will be with delight that the people of Gila and Graham counties learn that they have at last won their fight for better transportation facilities between the Globe mining district and the Gila valley agricultural section. It is anticipated that the completion of the road, which is expected within from four to six weeks, that much of the Gila valley produce will be marketed in Globe and Miami. It has even been suggested that a co-operative organization be formed by the farmers and a number of auto trucks be put on a regular run between the Miami-Globe district and the valley.

News of the auditor's decision was received over the telephone while the supervisors of the two counties were in conference at the court house Friday. The meeting was called as a result of the opinion of County Attorney McGowan, of Graham county, that the work would have to be completed before money would be available. As there had already been some difficulty in getting the government officials to undertake the task of building the road, it was feared that this view of the matter might cause another delay and the unwinding of more red tape.

Local lawyers were called into consultation. Judge P. C. Little, author of the appropriation bill through which the money was obtained, and F. J. Elliott, of the firm of Alderman & Elliott, were present when the two boards met. They gave their opinion that it would not be necessary to wait until the work was concluded and the State auditor, who had been called on the telephone by Judge McGowan, concurred in that belief. The judge was delighted at being overruled as he has been an ardent advocate of the new road.

In the party from Graham county were George A. Foote, chairman of the board of supervisors; George A. Matthews, member of the board; Judge McGowan, county attorney, and Ben Blake, clerk of the board.

## Old Folks' Party, Enjoyable Event

The annual old folks' reunion of St. Joseph Stake was held in Pima Saturday. A large number of the old people of the valley were present. A short literary program was given by the Pima Ward at the pavilion. At noon a most bounteous dinner was served, after which ice cream and fruits were enjoyed. The old folks spent a very enjoyable and happy day.

## FREEMAN-BREWER

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Freeman announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Mildred Clare, to Benjamin O. Brewer, of Phoenix, to take place at their residence, Saturday, October 2, 1915, at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

FOR SALE—Ranch of 44 acres all in alfalfa; three-room house, barn, good orchard, four shares of water. Price, \$6,000; part cash, balance on time. Apply to Mrs. A. H. FERRIN, Safford. adv-30-3t

Miss Mabel Melling and her mother have returned from California, where they spent the summer visiting the expositions at San Francisco and San Diego and also attended the annual session of the